

# Diligently Seeking God (Hebrews 11:6)

## PRAIRIE VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### Scripture of the Week



#### Psalm 19:1-5

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race."*

The skies above our heads are a testimony to the glory and power of the great God of heaven. The word "declare" in verse one can mean to "record" or "inscribe". The sun, moon and stars aloft are God's handwriting in the sky. They are a letter written on sky blue parchment that proclaims clearly that He exists, that He is glorious and all powerful, and that He loves us. That word "declare" can also mean to "speak", "talk", or "tell". The beautiful rainbow, the cottony clouds, all the wonders of nature are a testimony to the greatness of our God. Without uttering one audible word, the wonders of God's own creation preach powerful sermons to mankind, day after day and night after night, telling us how glorious and awesome

our Creator truly is. In a very real sense, all the marvels of the natural universe we live in are a type of revelation from our Maker. His fingerprints are all over His workmanship. The craftsmanship of a Grand Designer are evident in the beauty and complexity and order of all His handiwork. It is no wonder that the same psalmist, king David of Israel, said in Psalm 14:1, *"The fool has said in his heart, there is no God."* But even as glorious as this divine revelation is, it's all really just a grand attention-getter. The wonders of creation tell us that God is, and that He is glorious, but only His inspired word can tell us what He wants from us and for us. God's heavenly declarations point us to His specific revelation.

### A Greater Testimony

As beautiful as the wonders of God's creation can be, and as awesome as is the manner in which they declare the glories of our Creator, they pale in comparison to the magnificence of His revealed mind. After the psalmist extolled the praises of God as exhibited by the heavens above, he went on to write in Psalm 19:7-11, *"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to*

*be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward."* The law, the statutes, the commandments and the judgments of the Lord are all part of God's special revelation to His special creation. Through the written word, God has chosen to reveal His will to mankind. Through inspired scripture He has told us everything we need to know, believe and do in order to make us right in His sight. In a wordless way, nature can tell us that there is a glorious God in heaven, but God has opted to tell us about His nature, His

Son and His plan of salvation only through the Bible. The word of God is of greater value than the purest gold and more savory and nourishing than the sweetest honey, because from it, He warns and corrects us, and instructs us in the ways of righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The word of God is more rewarding than the fattest paycheck or the most delectable meal, because if we obey His commandments contained therein, the reward God offers is heaven itself. It is good to open your eyes to the marvelous reminders of God's glories in nature. It is better still to open your Bible and open your heart to His perfect, truthful and righteous will.

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**Times of Services**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30**

**Sunday Morning Worship Service.....10:30**

**Sunday Evening Worship Service.....6:30**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:30**



**God's Enduring Word**

When we look at the mountains and rivers, the seashores and oceans and the stars in the sky, they can serve as reminders of the enduring nature of God's creation. I don't believe they've existed for the millions of years as the evolutionists insist, but they certainly have been around for many thousands of years. Yet, as permanent as these fixtures seem to be, they will not last forever. Read what Jesus had to say about the Bible—"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). If we are true to the Lord and obey His words, they will carry us on into eternity and keep us safe, long after the earth and the elements have been burned up and consumed (2 Peter 3:10). As beautiful as God's natural world is, it will only exist for a fleeting moment in time when com-

pared against the endlessness of eternity. We must place all our faith, trust and hope in the enduring, timeless word of God. Paul made this point to the brethren in Corinth when he wrote, "*And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another*" (1 Corinthians 4:6). The brethren living in the city of Corinth were putting their confidence in men and behaving arrogantly against one another because of that. Paul informed them that God's inspired, written word is the only thing we should put our trust and assurance in. I'm reminded of the words of 1 Peter 1:24-25—"All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass.

*The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the word of the Lord endures forever.*" It's amazing to think of the test of time that God's written word has withstood. New Testament revelation is nearly 2,000 years old. It was written on reed paper and animal skins that have a very short shelf life, and yet God has preserved it for us in its entirety. Portions of the Old Testament were revealed as much as 3,500 years ago, yet amazingly, all of God's word has endured Satan's repeated attempts to utterly destroy it. It has survived the dark ages of illiteracy, the destruction of incessant wars and the efforts of godless men who destroyed the printing presses used to mass produce the Bible. Do not doubt for one moment about God's care for you. He has written you a love letter that cannot be destroyed.

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**OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH GERRY SANDUSKY**

If you missed any of the lessons from our Gospel meeting of August 15-17, they are posted on our website at [www.pvchurchofchrist.com](http://www.pvchurchofchrist.com). Click the tab that indicates that meeting, and you can either "left click" the "play" button and listen to the sermon from your computer, or you can "right click" and save that sermon to file and listen to it elsewhere. Thanks to everyone who attended and prayed for our special meeting.